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# Native American Education Status Report



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## Summary

The proficiency of Arizona Native American students has improved over the last few years in mathematics and reading; yet, their average scores are lower than students of all other race/ethnicities. Native American students also have the lowest graduation rate and highest dropout rate when compared to their peers. This report outlines some of the challenges facing Native American education in Arizona and some of the initiatives in place to address these challenges. Listed below are a few facts that are unique to Arizona.

- Arizona has the second largest number of Native American students in the nation.
- 6% of Arizona public schools enrolled 53% of all Native American students.
- The rate of violent and serious school-safety violations per 100 students was twice as high at high-density schools than at low-density schools.
- 3.8% of Native American students reported on the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) that they seriously considered, made a plan or attempted suicide during school year.

## Introduction

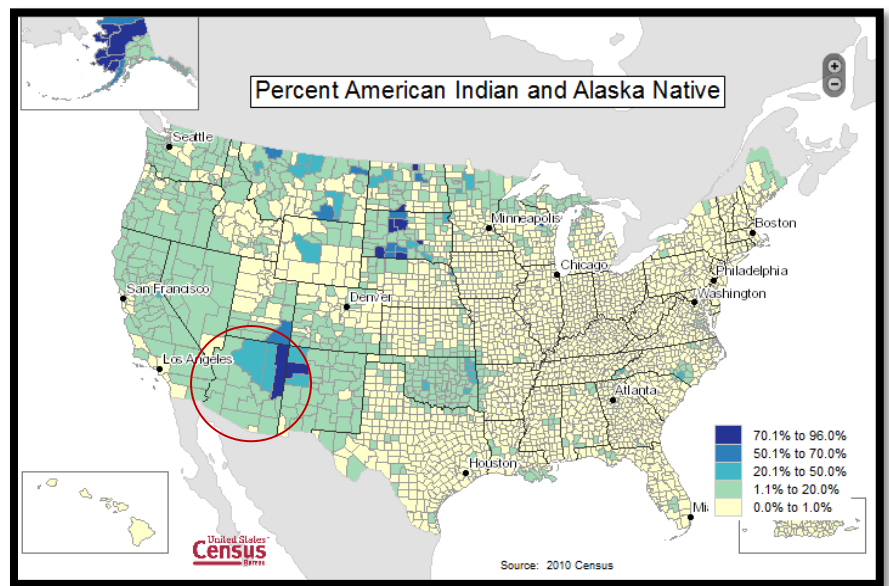
Arizona has a rich Native American history that spans centuries. Home to 22 federally recognized Native American tribes with the third largest population of Native Americans in the United States. Arizona has the second largest Native American student population in the United States (National Assessment of Educational Progress - NAEP, 2011). As a result, teachers in Arizona public schools have instructed a significant number of our nation's Native American youth over the years.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. §15-244), the Arizona Department of Education compiled the following report. This report describes school outcomes, documents the specific programs and policies in place to support the academic growth of Native American students and focuses on the following:

- Enrollment

- Student achievement (with results disaggregated by race/ethnicity) as measured by a statewide test approved by the state board
- School safety
- Graduation rates
- Dropout rate
- Attendance
- Parent and community involvement
- Educational programs that target Native American pupils
- Financial reports
- The current status of federal Indian Education policies and procedures
- School district initiatives to decrease the number of student dropouts and increase attendance
- Public school use of variable school calendars
- School district consultations with parent advisory committees

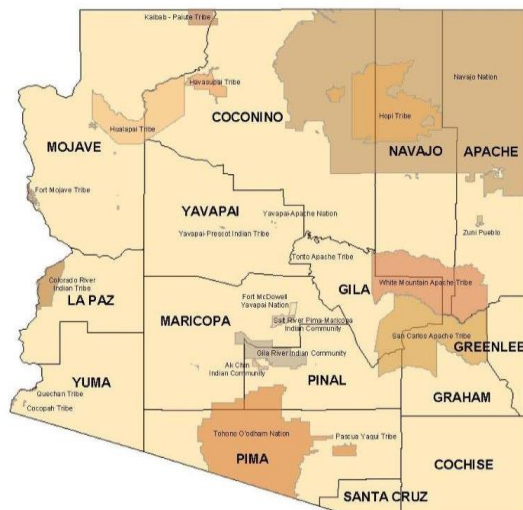
Within state lines of Arizona, we have five Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) high schools. Due to a moratorium on BIE high schools there will not be any additional Bureau sponsored high schools offered to students in the near future. As a result, the majority (71%) of Arizona Native American students attend Arizona public schools in counties that border or are on Native American land. The following table shows the percentage of Native American students by county. Please note that 30% of our Native American students are in Maricopa County; yet, due to the large populous



Native America students only represent 2% of the current student population. Native American students comprise 78% of the total student enrollment in Apache County, 45% in Navajo County and 35% in Coconino County (see Table 1).

Table 1. Number and % of Native American (NA) Student Enrollment, Neighboring Tribes and High-Density (HD) Schools by County 2013/2014

| County     | Number of NA Students | % NA Students | Neighboring Reservations   | HD Schools | % of HD Schools |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|------------|-----------------|
| Apache     | 8,495                 | 78%           | Navajo, Zuni, White Mountain Apache  | 24         | 21%             |
| Cochise    | 13,866                | 1%            | None   | 0          | 0%              |
| Coconino   | 13,375                | 35%           | Havasupai, Hualapai, Hopi, Navajo  | 21         | 19%             |
| Gila       | 5,611                 | 28%           | San Carlos Apache, White Mountain Apache   | 6          | 5%              |
| Graham     | 4,698                 | 8%            | San Carlos Apache  | 3          | 3%              |
| Greenlee   | 1,266                 | 2%            | None   | 0          | 0%              |
| La Paz     | 1,858                 | 23%           | Colorado River Indian Tribe  | 4          | 4%              |
| Maricopa   | 524,563               | 2%            | Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community, Fort McDowell Indian Community | 9          | 8%              |
| Mohave     | 17,818                | 3%            | Kaibab-Paiute, Hualapai, Ft. Mohave  | 2          | 2%              |
| Navajo     | 13,511                | 45%           | Hopi, Navajo, White Mountain Apache  | 26         | 23%             |
| Pima       | 106,522               | 3%            | Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  | 9          | 8%              |
| Pinal      | 35,867                | 6%            | Tohono O'odham Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, San Carlos Apache  | 7          | 6%              |
| Santa Cruz | 7,602                 | 0%            | None   | 0          | 0%              |
| Yavapai    | 19,069                | 3%            | Yavapai-Prescott, Yavapai Apache   | 2          | 2%              |
| Yuma       | 28,564                | 1%            | Quechan, Cocopah   | 0          | 0%              |

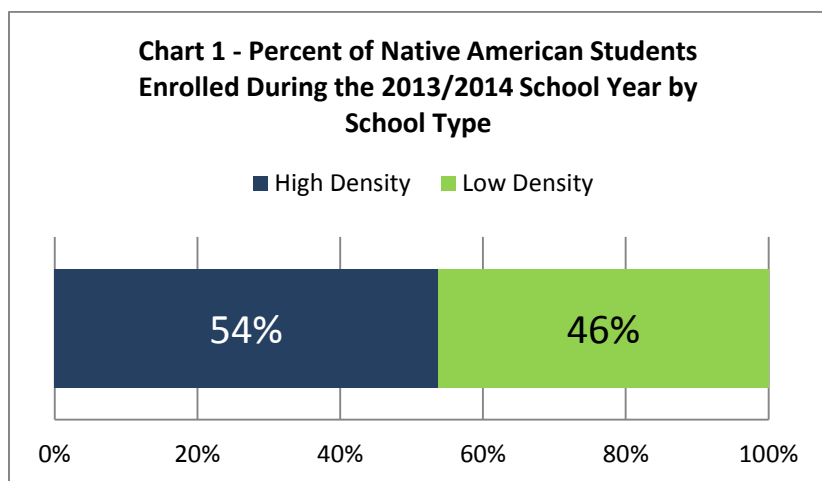


## Native American Education in Arizona 2013/2014

Findings are displayed for two groups of schools, high- and low-density schools. This allowed us to answer the question of whether there is a difference in performance of Native American students based on school demographics. A high-density school was defined as a school that enrolled at least 25% Native American students. Schools with a Native American enrollment of less than 25% were labeled low-density schools.

### Enrollment

6% of all public schools (114 out of 1900 schools) in Arizona were high-density schools in 2014. High-density schools enrolled 54% of all Native American students (20,431 Native American Students). Therefore, 54% of all Native American students in Arizona were enrolled at 6% (114) of Arizona public schools.



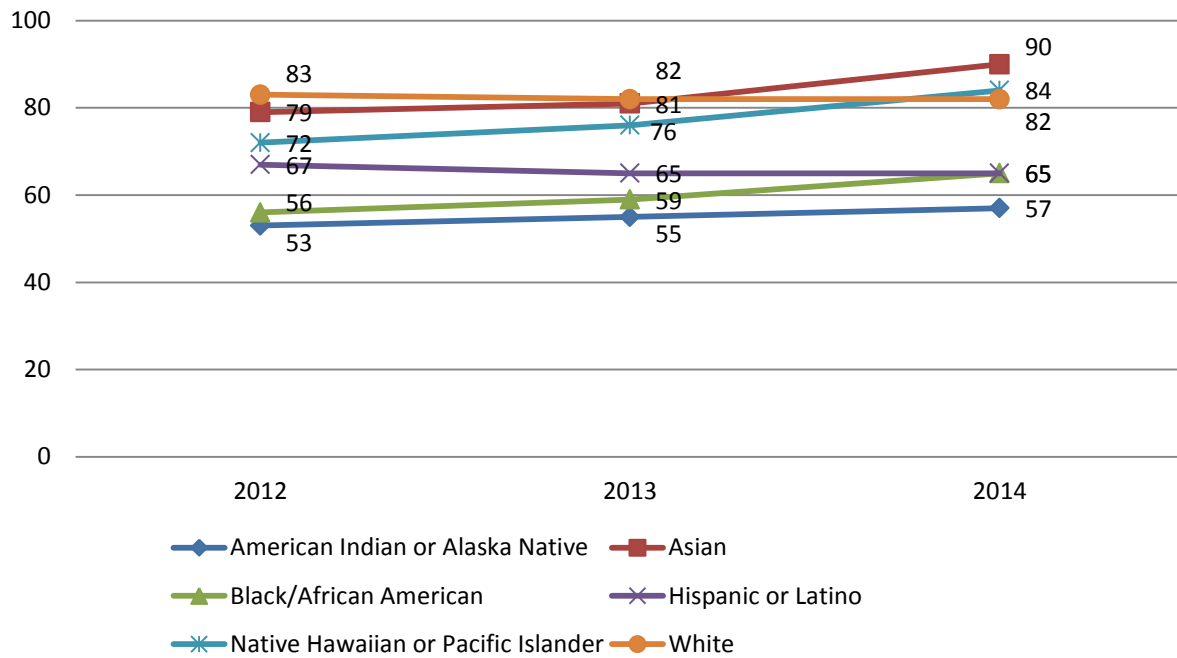
Over half of all Native American students in Arizona were enrolled in 6% (114) of Arizona public schools.

## Reading Proficiency

The percentage of all Native American students proficient in Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Reading increased each year from 2012 through 2014. In terms of increasing proficiency across the years, the percent of Native American students in high-density schools proficient in AIMS Reading increased 2% each year. There was a 1% increase each year in the number of Native American students in low-density schools that passed AIMS Reading. The greater percentage of students proficient in AIMS Reading was Native American students attending low-density schools as compared to their peers in high-density schools (i.e., 67% compared to 57%).

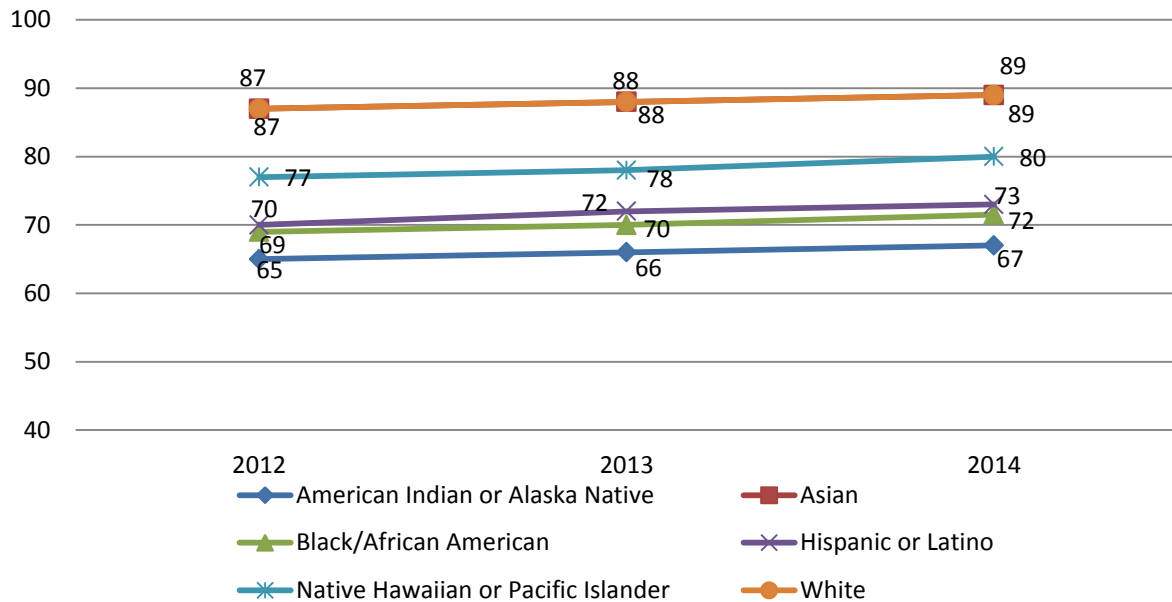


**Chart 2 - Percent of Students Enrolled at High-Density Schools that were Proficient in AIMS Reading By Year and Race/Ethnicity**



Note: All public school students in Grades 3 through 8 and Grade 10 were required to take the AIMS assessments

**Chart 3 - Percent of Students Enrolled at Low-Density Schools that were Proficient in AIMS Reading By Year and Race/Ethnicity**



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## Reading Growth

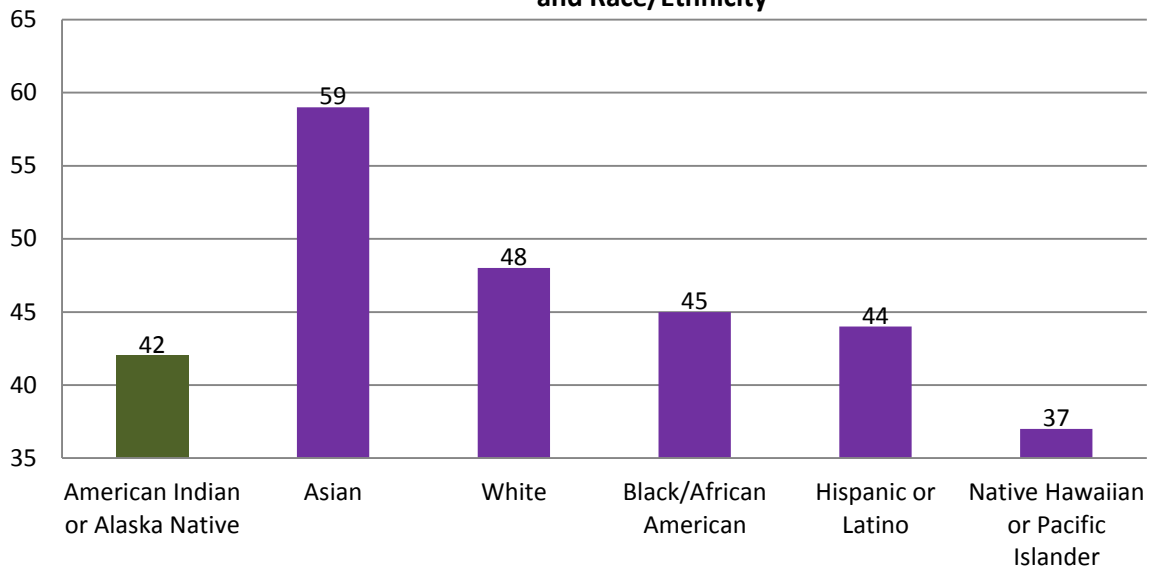
The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) uses student growth percentiles (SGP) to measure academic growth. SGPs describe how much a student has grown in a subject area during an academic year as compared to their academic peers across the state. The academic peer of a student is one that is in the same grade and has the *exact* same test score history. While scale scores and performance levels are designed to measure student achievement compared to the grade-level learning standards, the SGP is designed to answer the question, "How much did a student grow over the previous year compared to his or her academic peers?" SGPs are expressed as percentiles (ranging from 1 to 99), meaning that students earning growth percentiles above 50 showed more academic growth than 50% of his/her academic peers ("above average") and those below 50 showed less academic growth than 50% of his/her peers ("below average").

Median Student Growth percentiles (MSGP) are the middle SGP after the SGPs are rank ordered. The median can be used to summarize the actual growth made by the middle student of the distribution of SGPs and is commonly used to compare such groups as: students from a specific school or group of schools, students with the same ethnicity, or students who did or did not participate in a program.

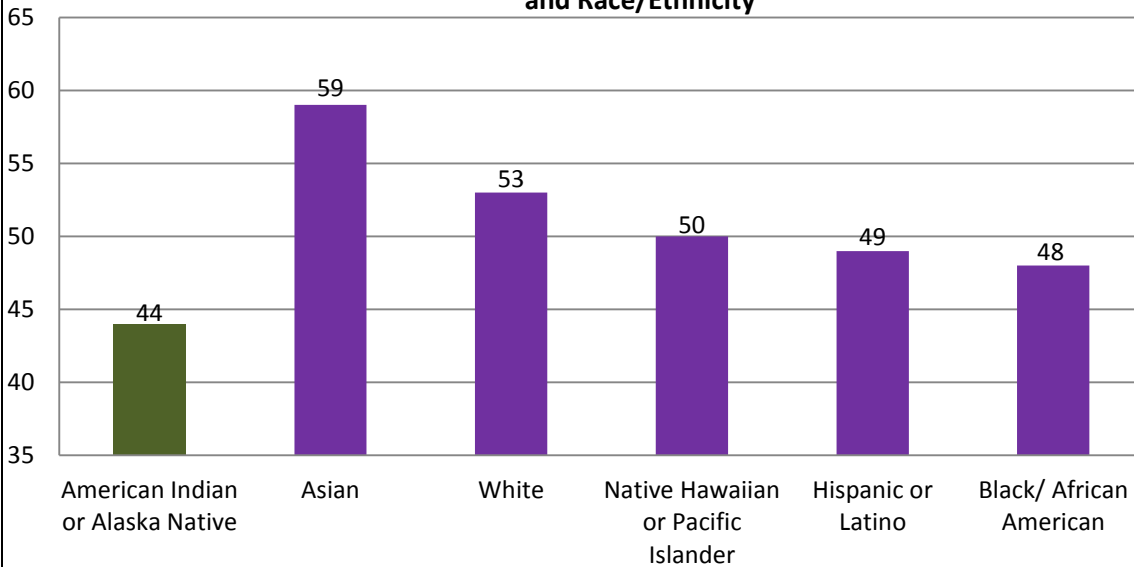
In 2014, Native American students had the lowest median SGP in reading than students of other races/ethnicities except for Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders attending high-density schools.



**Chart 4 - Median SGP Reading for High-Density Schools by Year and Race/Ethnicity**



**Chart 5 - Median SGP Reading for Low-Density Schools by Year and Race/Ethnicity**

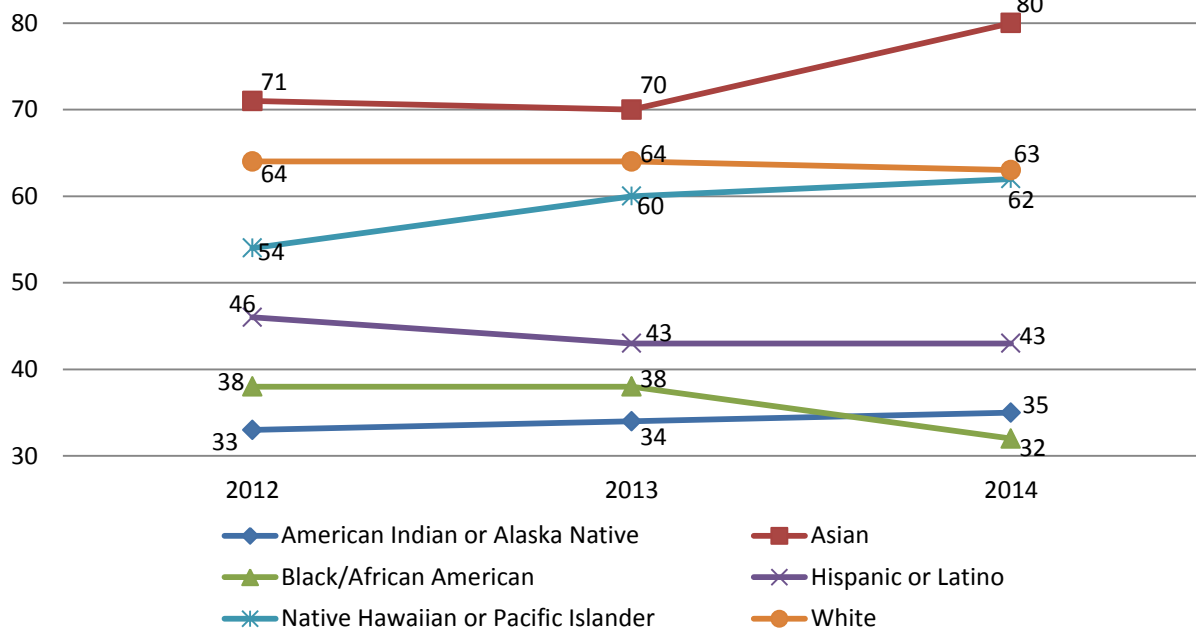


## Mathematics Proficiency

The percentage of all Native American students proficient in AIMS Mathematics increased each year from 2012 through 2014 but was lower than students of other races/ethnicities. In 2012 and 2013, there were 1% more Native American students proficient in AIMS Mathematics regardless of whether they attended high- or low-density schools.

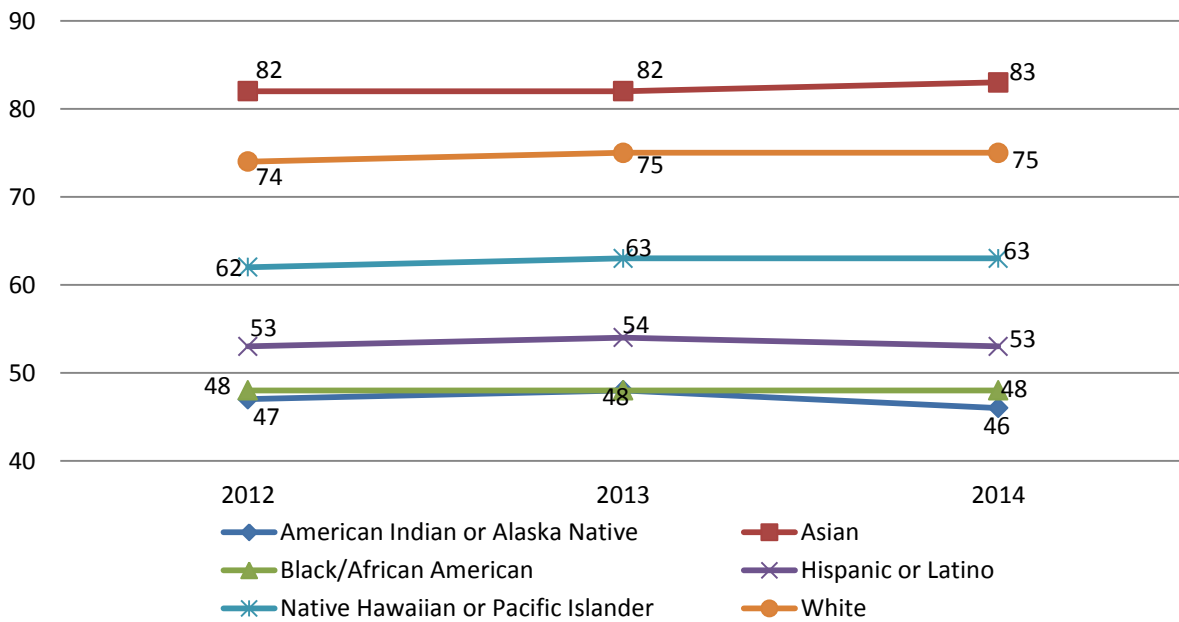


**Chart 6 - Percent of Students Enrolled at High-Density Schools that were Proficient in AIMS Mathematics By Year and Race/Ethnicity**



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**Chart 7 - Percent of Students Enrolled at Low-Density Schools that were Proficient in AIMS Mathematics By Year and Race/Ethnicity**

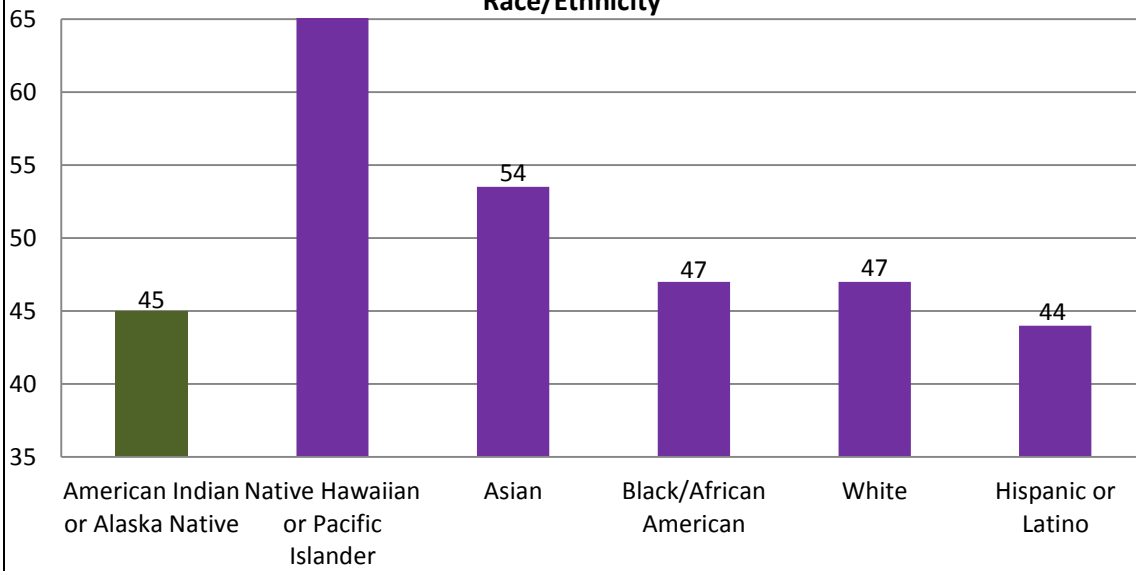


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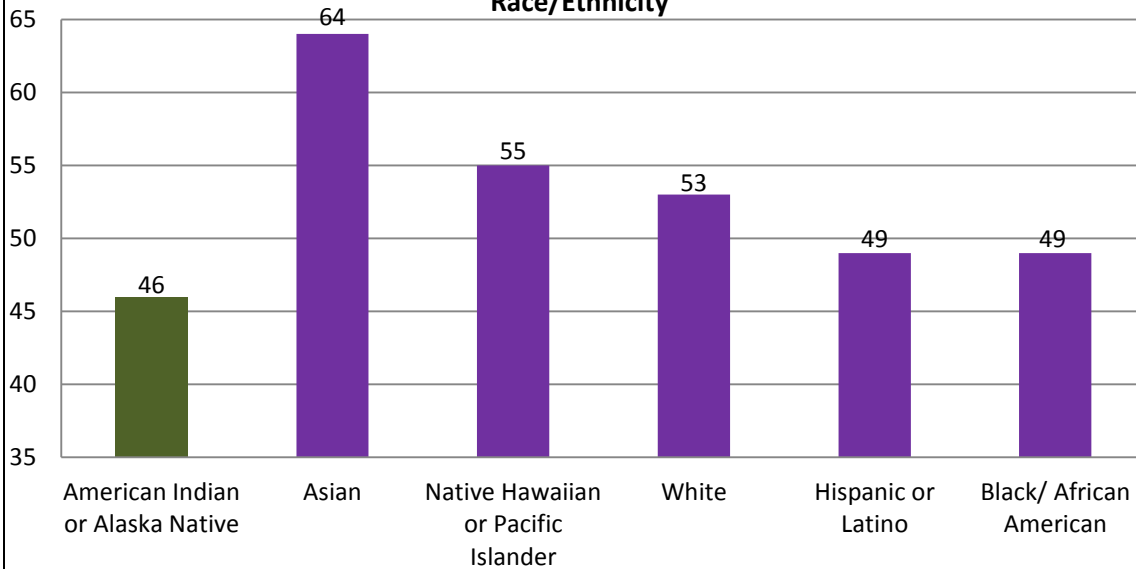
## Mathematics Growth

Similar to other races/ethnicities, except for Asian students enrolled at low-density schools, no increase in the median student growth percentiles was evident in mathematics for Native American students from 2012 through 2014 regardless of whether they attended a high- or low-density school. The average student growth percentiles (i.e., SGP = 46) for 2012 through 2014 for Native American students at low-density schools was one percentile less than for Native American students at high-density schools (i.e., SGP = 47).

**Chart 8 - 2014 Median SGP Mathematics for High-Density Schools**  
**Race/Ethnicity**



**Chart 9 - 2014 Median SGP Mathematics for Low-Density Schools by**  
**Race/Ethnicity**

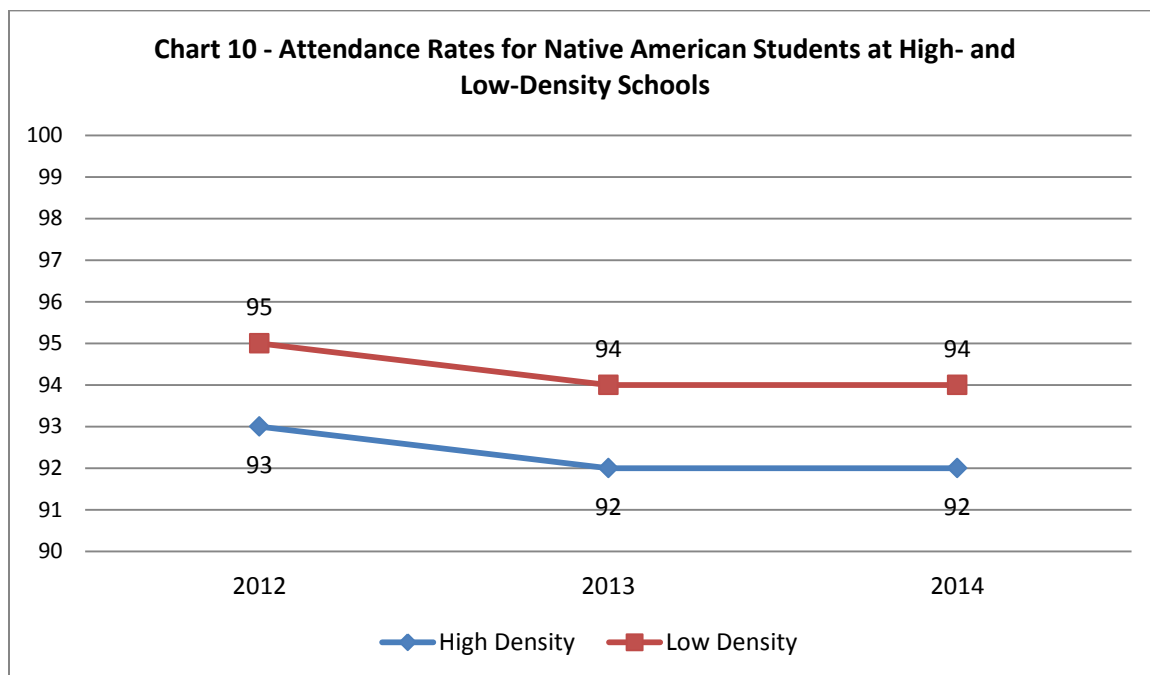


## School Attendance Rates

The data used to calculate school attendance rates were reported by schools to the ADE. School attendance rates were calculated using the average number of enrolled students who attend an **entire school day** (Average Daily Attendance-ADA) and the average number of students that are enrolled **each school day** (Average Daily Membership-ADM). Attendance rates were calculated by dividing the ADA by ADM.

$$\text{Attendance Rate} = \frac{\text{Number attended an entire day (Average Daily Attendance)}}{\text{Number enrolled each day (Average Daily Membership)}}$$

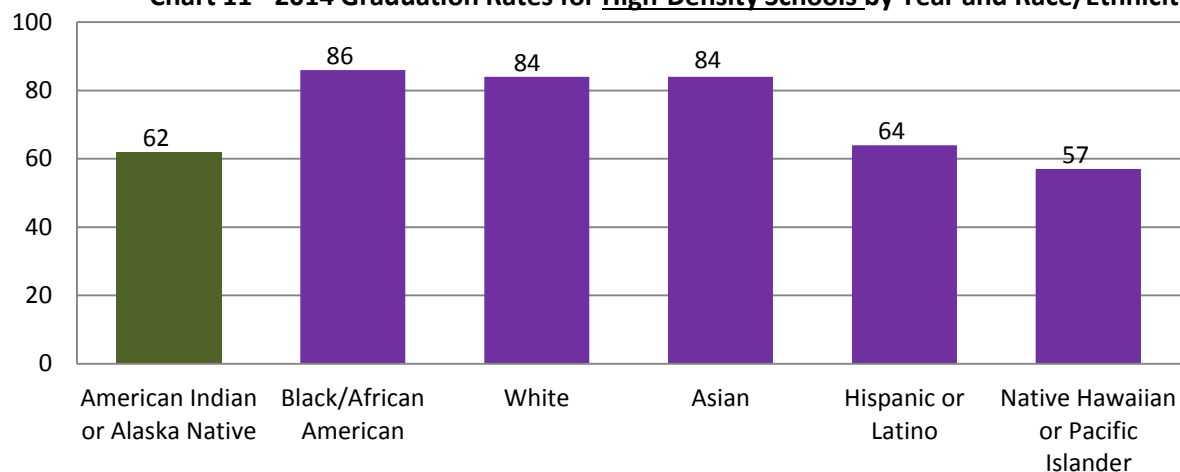
Attendance rates remained relatively stable over the last three years for both high- and low-density schools. The average attendance rates for 2012 through 2014 for low-density schools, however, is slightly higher at 94 % compared to 92 % for high-density schools. Both high- and low-density schools had slightly lower attendance rates in 2013 and 2014 than in 2012.



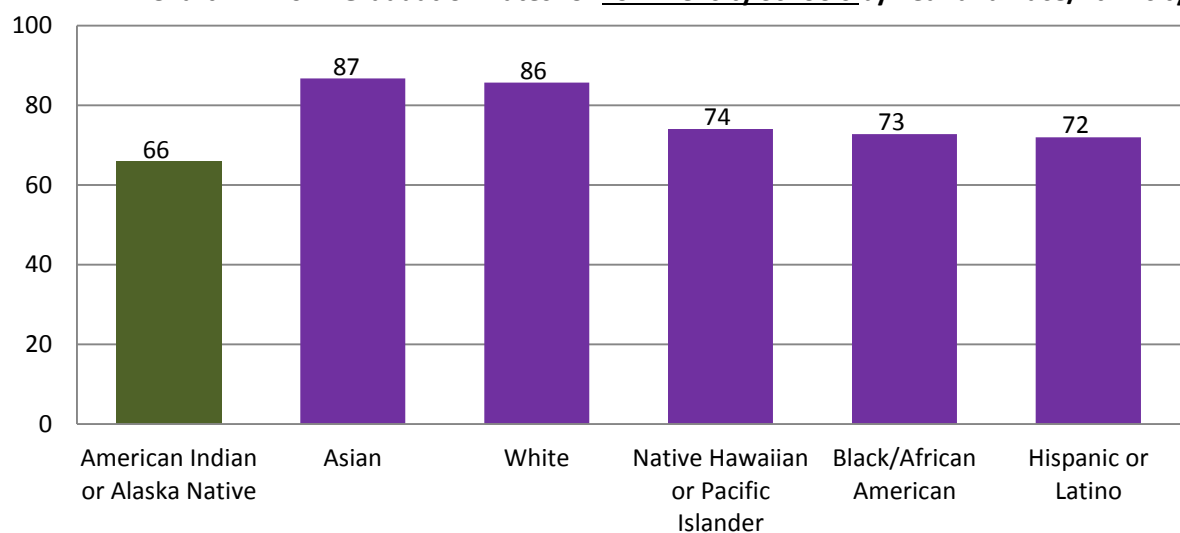
## Graduation Rates

Graduation rates for all race/ethnicity groups, including Native American, fell by one or 2% each year over the last three years. In addition, graduation rates for Native American Students were consistently lower than students of other race/ethnicities. The graduation rate of Native American students that attended low-density schools, however, was 4% higher than their peers from high-density schools.

**Chart 11 - 2014 Graduation Rates for High-Density Schools by Year and Race/Ethnicity**

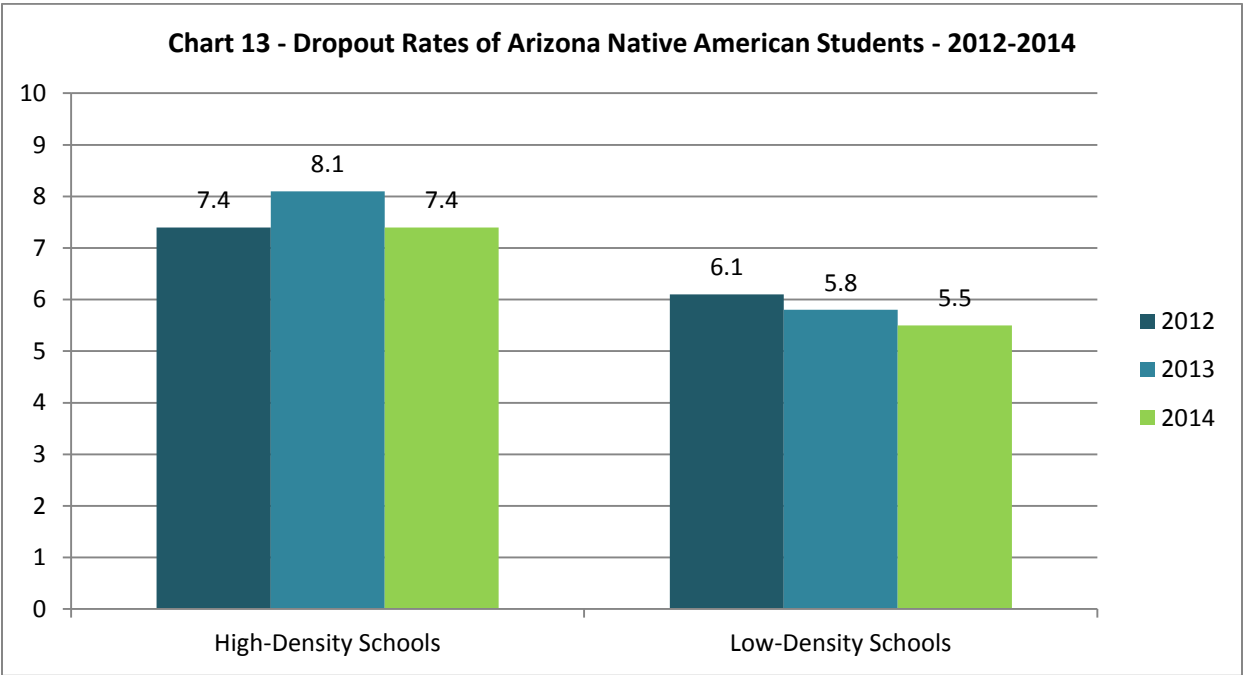


**Chart 12 - 2014 Graduation Rates for Low-Density Schools by Year and Race/Ethnicity**



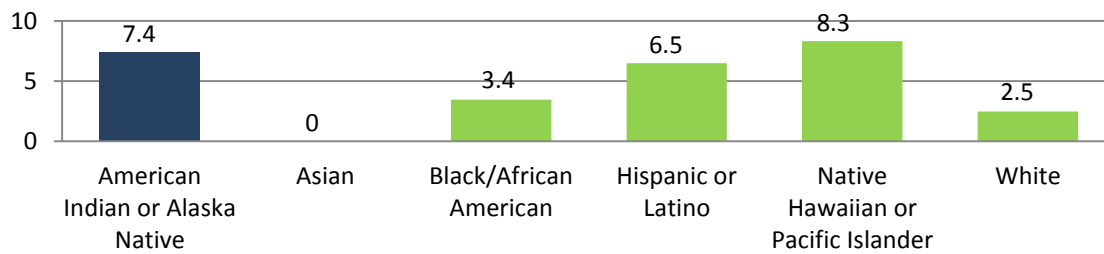
# Dropout Rate

Dropout rates for all students of different races/ethnicities, except for Asian students, were lower in 2014 than in 2012. The dropout rates of students in low-density schools mirrored those of all students. Low-density schools had dropout rates for all races/ethnicities that were consistently lower than that in high-density schools. The dropout rates for different races/ethnicities in high density schools varied with the dropout rate for Native American students increasing in 2013 and decreasing in 2014.

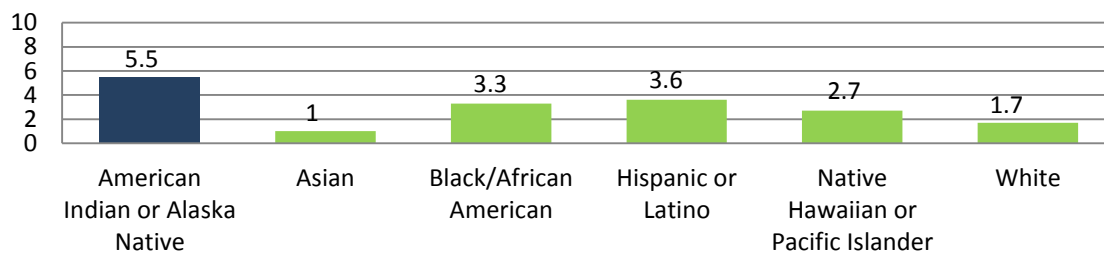




**Chart 14 - 2014 Dropout Rates for High-Density Schools by Year and Race/Ethnicity**



**Chart 15 - 2014 Dropout Rates for Low-Density Schools by Year and Race/Ethnicity**



## School District Initiatives

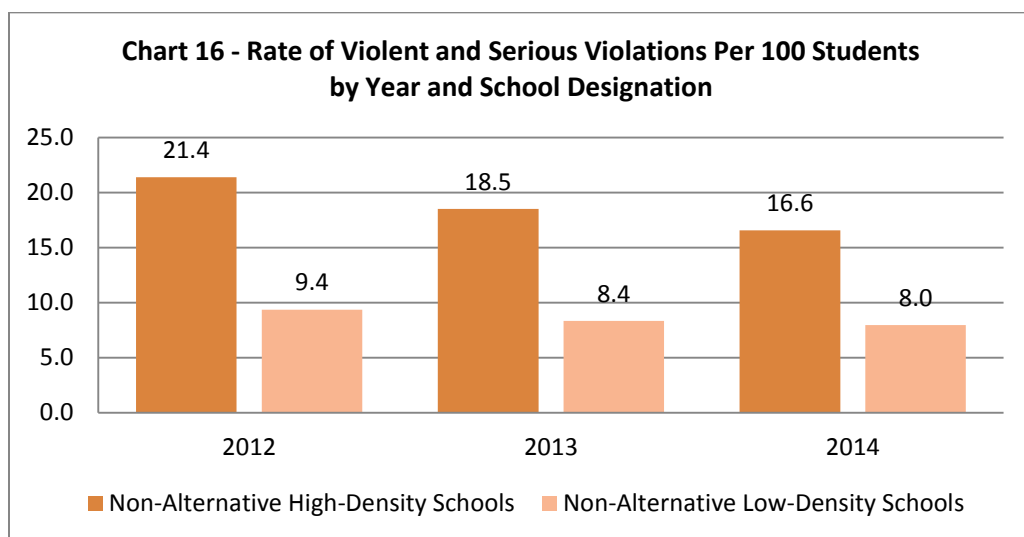
LEAs address dropout prevention through a wide variety of initiatives. The statewide initiatives that address dropout prevention include:

- Title I & Title II
- School Improvement
- Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Alternative School Programs
- School Guidance Counseling
- Athletic programs
- Dual credit programs
- Online education
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education and youth programs
- Title VII Indian Education
- Johnson-O'Malley program
- ECAPS

## School Safety<sup>1</sup>

School safety information in Arizona is reported by schools to a database called AzSAFE which was developed by the ADE as part of a U.S. Department of Education (USED), data infrastructure grant. Violent and serious incidents must be reported to USED annually. Only the violent and serious violations are required to be reported to ADE. Violations in AzSAFE fall into 16 categories and the violation categories represent a wide range of violations. A list of violation categories and the violations within can be viewed in Appendix A. This list also indicates which violations are violent and serious.

The overall rate of violent and serious violations per 100 students in Arizona was twice as high for high-density schools as low-density schools from 2012 through 2014.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Incident data reported to the State (such as fights) are a reflection of a local policies and procedures. As such, this data only gives us an idea of what is happening at the State level in a specific year. Changes in district/school policy and under-reporting or lack of reporting can show artificial increases or decreases in state-wide incidents from year to year. This data should never be used to compare districts/schools/grade levels to each other and/or make any claims about the relative safety of one district/school to another.

<sup>2</sup> Keep in mind that the rates presented below are for violations not student offenders. In other words, it is the number of violations per 100 students regardless of whether only a few students committed the offense.

The rate of violent and serious violations in Arizona was reduced each year for both low- and high-density schools. Violations that fell into the categories of *Harassment, Threat and Intimidation, Aggression, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs* were the most prevalent for both high- and low-density schools. Violations rates per 100 students, however, were larger for students at high-density than at low-density schools. Students under the influence or using alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs were the most prevalent violations at

high-density schools. Six of 100 students at high-density schools and one of 100 students at low-density schools were reported for alcohol, tobacco or other illegal drugs violations. Violations such as assault, fighting and endangerment under the Aggression category were the most prevalent for low-density schools. The Harassment, Threat and Intimidation category includes violations of non-sexual harassment, threat, intimidation, bullying and hazing.

**Table 2. Rate of Violent and Serious Violations Per 100 Students for Non-Alternative NACS Reporting AzSAFE Data By Year and Violation Category**

| <b>Violation Category</b>           | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aggression                          | 1.7         | 1.9         | 4           |
| Harassment, Threat and Intimidation | 2.8         | 4.2         | 3.2         |
| Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs    | 4.2         | 5.8         | 3           |
| Weapons and Dangerous Items         | 0.4         | 0.6         | 0.5         |
| Vandalism or Criminal Damage        | 0.4         | 0.5         | 0.1         |
| Arson                               | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Theft                               | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| School Threat                       | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Sexual Offenses                     | 0.3         | 0           | 0           |
| Kidnapping                          | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Homicide                            | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>9.9</b>  | <b>13.1</b> | <b>10.8</b> |

**Table 3. Rate of Violent and Serious Violations Per 100 Students for Non-Alternative Low-Density Schools Reporting AzSAFE Data By Year and Violation Category**

| <b>Violation Category</b>           | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Aggression                          | 3.9         | 3.5         | 3.2         |
| Harassment, Threat and Intimidation | 2.3         | 2           | 1.9         |
| Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs    | 1.6         | 1.4         | 1.5         |
| Sexual Offenses                     | 0.5         | 0.5         | 0.5         |
| Vandalism or Criminal Damage        | 0.5         | 0.4         | 0.4         |
| Weapons and Dangerous Items         | 0.5         | 0.5         | 0.4         |
| School Threat                       | 0.1         | 0.1         | 0.1         |
| Arson                               | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Theft                               | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Kidnapping                          | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Homicide                            | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>9.4</b>  | <b>8.4</b>  | <b>8</b>    |

According to a 2013 publication, American Indians and Bullying in Schools, bullying is on the rise and it poses serious health threats to Native American students. *Focus On 2011-2012 – American Indians and Alaska Natives*, reported bullying as a contributing factor to the scourge of suicides among Native American youth. In fact the prevalence of Native American student bullying has become so large there is a Facebook page, Stop Race Based Bullying of Native American Children in Public Schools, that is dedicated to the issue. The Facebook page can be viewed by clicking on the following link- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stop-Race-Based-Bullying-of-Native-American-Children-in-Public-Schools/799680286759470>



## Educational Programs that Target Native American Pupils

Arizona has a number of educational programs available to Native American high-school students and those entering college. Most of the community colleges and universities like Northern Arizona University, University of Arizona and Arizona State University have programs for new college students they hope to retain and graduate. A variety of programs are also offered for Native American students in the elementary and junior high school. For example, the Mesa Unified School District has a unique cultural and educational program that addresses students at each grade level. This program provides the students, their families and school staff with culturally appropriate tools and resources. The purpose of this program is to increase the personal and academic self-efficacy of Native-American students while embracing and preserving Native-American culture. Other programs provided include:

- Individual and group tutoring in all academic subjects.
- Individual student counseling/advising with an advisor/tutor who is sensitive and knowledgeable about the student's culture.
- Cultural activities and field trips.
- Career development and information on higher educational opportunities.
- Providing supplemental instructional materials for Native American students, staff, volunteers, and parents.
- In-service or training opportunities for students, staff, volunteers and parents.



## Current Status of Federal Indian Education Policies and Procedures

President Obama announced the launch of **Generation Indigenous** (Gen I) at the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference. Gen I is a Native youth initiative focused on removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. This initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth. Read more: <http://www.powwows.com/2014/12/03/white-house-tribal-nations-conference-focus-on-native-youth/#ixzz3SyZvGiFL>.



The Arizona Department of Education, Native American Education and Outreach Division provide funds to support the advancement of Indian Education in Arizona. The most common federal funding sources for public schools with more than 10 Indian students are:

Table 4. Federal Policies that Affect the Education of Native American Students

| Policy  | Description   | Changes in 2014   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Indian Education Act</b>   | <p>The 1972 Indian Education Act was the landmark legislation establishing a comprehensive approach to meeting the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students. The Indian Education legislation is unique in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It recognizes that American Indians have unique, educational and culturally related academic needs and distinct language and cultural needs;</li> <li>2. It is the only comprehensive Federal Indian Education legislation, that deals with American Indian education from pre-school to graduate-level education and reflects the diversity of government involvement in Indian education;</li> <li>3. It focuses national attention on the educational needs of American Indian learners, reaffirming the Federal government's special responsibility related to the education of American Indians and Alaska Natives; and</li> <li>4. It provides services to American Indians and Alaska Natives that are not provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.</li> </ol> | <p>The unique aspects of the original authority have been retained through subsequent legislative reauthorizing statutes, with the latest revision occurring with the amendments made by the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which reauthorized the program as Title VII Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act</p> |
| American Indian Religious Freedom Act, <b>Public Law No. 95-341, 92 Stat. 469 (Aug. 11, 1978) (commonly abbreviated to AIRFA)</b> | <p>The Act required policies of all governmental agencies to eliminate interference with the free exercise of Native American Religion based on the First Amendment, and to accommodate access to and use of religious sites to the extent that the use is practicable and is not inconsistent with an agency's essential functions. It also acknowledges the prior violation of that right.</p>  | No changes in 2014  |
| <b>Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act: money for the disadvantaged</b>   | <p>Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Federal funds are currently allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state.</p>   | No changes in 2014  |

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| <b>National School Lunch Act</b> | <p>The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in over 100,000 public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provided nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to more than 31 million children each school day in 2012. In 1998, Congress expanded the National School Lunch Program to include reimbursement for snacks served to children in afterschool educational and enrichment programs to include children through 18 years of age.</p>  | <p>In December 2014, <i>Indian Country Today</i> reported that 68% of Native American and Alaska Native students "are eligible for free and reduced-price school lunches, compared with 28% of white students. USDA data indicate that 70% of children receiving free lunches through the NSLP are children of color, as are 50% of students receiving reduced-price lunches." The article expressed concern regarding efforts to undercut nutrition standards, and notes that several Native American schools are working to improve the quality of school lunches by using produce from school gardens, or tribally grown buffalo meat.</p> |
| <b>Johnson-O'Malley Act</b>      | <p>The Johnson-O'Malley Act of 1934 was passed on April 16, 1934, to subsidize education, medical attention, and other services provided by States or territories to Indians living within their borders. Today, the Johnson-O'Malley program provides financial assistance to efforts designed to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of eligible Indian students, including programs supplemental to the regular school program and school operational support, where such support is necessary to maintain established State educational standards.</p> | <p>No changes in 2014</p>   |
| <b>Bilingual Education Act</b>   | <p>The Bilingual Education Act, Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1968 (or BEA) was the first piece of United States federal legislation that recognized the needs of Limited English Speaking Ability (LESA) students. Since 1968, the Act has undergone four reauthorizations with amendments, reflecting the changing needs of these students and of society as a whole. Even the definition of the population served has been broadened from limited English speaking to limited English proficient (LEP) students.</p>                     | <p>No changes in 2014</p>   |



## Parent and Community Involvement

Students achieve better educational outcomes when schools, families and communities work together to support student learning according to the National Education Association (NEA) in the 2011 publication of Family-School-Community Partnerships 2.0. The National Caucus of Native American State Legislators (NCNASL) in the 2008 report “Striving to Achieve: Helping Native American Students Succeed” contend that this is particularly true for Native American families living in or near tribal communities. Children of parents that are actively engaged at school and involved in the learning process are more likely to earn higher grades, demonstrate better social skills, attend school regularly and graduate from high school. When community, school and classroom activities are linked, academic achievement improves and suspension and dropout rates fall.

The National Indian Education Study (NIES) is designed to describe the condition of education for Native American students in the United States at high and low density schools. The survey focuses on academic performance and educational experiences of Native American students in Grades 4 and 8. The survey is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) at the request of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education (OIE). Please keep in mind that this is a sample survey and not all high- and low-density schools are included. More about the sample design can be found at: [http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nies/about\\_samp\\_weight.aspx](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nies/about_samp_weight.aspx).

The following findings from the 2011 NIES document the efforts of educational professionals to strengthen parent and community involvement at school and with student learning. Eighty-seven percent of school administrators from high-density schools reported community members visited to share traditions and culture and participate in Indian education parent groups. One hundred percent of administrators at high-density schools indicated that families were involved in open houses and back-to-school nights.



## School District Consultations with Parent Advisory Committees

Many LEAs convene parent advisory committees. Please contact the LEA directly for more information on their involvement with schools and the local community. You can also contact the ADE Native American Education and Outreach Division office (see [www.azed.gov/indian-education](http://www.azed.gov/indian-education)).

Table 5. % of School Administrators that Reported the Following in 2011

|   | Low Density |         | High Density |         |
|---|-------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|   | Grade 4     | Grade 8 | Grade 4      | Grade 8 |
| Community Members Visited to Discuss Education Issues             | 45          | 39      | ‡            | 41      |
| Community and School Officials that Met on Educational Issues     | 15          | 17      | ‡            | ‡       |
| Community Officials Met with School Personnel and Parents         | 29          | 15      | ‡            | ‡       |
| Conducted Telephone Calls with Parents                            | 43          | 36      | ‡            | ‡       |
| Community Members Visited to Share Traditions and Culture         | 56          | 31      | 87           | ‡       |
| Community Members Participating in Indian Education Parent Groups | 13          | 23      | 87           | ‡       |
| Families Involved in Making School Curriculum Decisions           | 34          | 30      | 29           | 5       |
| Families Involved in Volunteer Programs                           | 83          | 75      | 64           | 12      |
| Families Involved in Open Houses and Back-to-School Nights        | 97          | 93      | 100          | 56      |
| ‡ Reporting standards not met                                     |             |         |              |         |

Both high- and low-density schools offer opportunities to share American Indian or Alaska Native histories and traditions and participate in policies and improvements a few times a year. Both also send information home about school once or twice a month. Most high-density schools send written performance reports home once or twice a month while low-density schools do so a few times a year.

Table 6. Other Parent and Community Involvement Activities – Grade 4, NIES 2011

| Low-Density   | High-Density          |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Offer Opportunities to Share American Indian or Alaska Native Histories and Traditions</b> |                       |
| A Few Times a Year  | A Few Times a Year    |
| <b>Offer Opportunities to Participate in Policies and Improvements</b>                        |                       |
| A Few Times a Year  | A Few Times a Year    |
| <b>Send Information Home about School</b>   |                       |
| Once or Twice a Month   | Once or Twice a Month |
| <b>Sends Written Performance Reports Home</b>   |                       |
| A Few Times a Year  | Once or Twice a Month |

## Financial Reports

Native American tribes contribute gaming revenue to the state pursuant to A.R.S. § 5-601.02(H)(3)(b)(i). The portion of this fund that is provided to education is called the Instructional Improvement Fund (IIF). The ADE must distribute the monies in the IIF to LEAs Pursuant to A.R.S §15-979. Table 2 displays the Instructional Improvement Fund Payments to each county for fiscal year 2014. LEAs may expend up to 50% of these funds for teacher compensation increases and class size reduction. Monies that are not used for teacher compensation increases and class size reduction can be used for dropout prevention and instructional improvement programs.

**Table 7. Instructional Improvement Fund Payments (IIFs) to Districts by County and Total IFPs to Charter Holders 2013/2014**

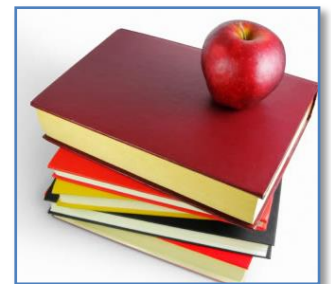
| County         | Payment    | % of Payments to Districts |
|----------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Apache         | 459,048    | 1%                         |
| Cochise        | 695,946    | 2%                         |
| Coconino       | 611,222    | 2%                         |
| Gila           | 284,210    | 1%                         |
| Graham         | 255,831    | 1%                         |
| Greenlee       | 66,469     | 0%                         |
| Maricopa       | 23,673,588 | 64%                        |
| Mohave         | 827,025    | 2%                         |
| Navajo         | 729,515    | 2%                         |
| Pima           | 5,025,623  | 14%                        |
| Pinal          | 1,766,862  | 5%                         |
| Santa Cruz     | 377,474    | 1%                         |
| Yavapai        | 885,416    | 2%                         |
| Yuma           | 1,350,759  | 4%                         |
| La Paz         | 95,176     | 0%                         |
|                |            | <b>% of Total Payments</b> |
| District Total | 37,104,164 | 86%                        |
| Charter Total  | 6,137,620  | 14%                        |
| Grand Total    | 43,241,783 | 100%                       |

The Arizona Office of the Auditor General conducts biennial reviews of all LEAs. These reviews include per-pupil spending and district cost measures. The reports can be found at: <http://www.azauditor.gov/publications.htm>

## Public School Use of Variable School Calendars

The ADE School Finance Department maintains an online application to view school calendars (see <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Forms/LEAQuery/CalendarOccasions.aspx>). Detailed information is provided about the total number of school days, beginning and ending dates for the academic year, and school closings. While the majority of LEAs operate a 176-180 day school calendar with the first day of school starting in mid-August and the school year ending in late May ; the range of 'days of instruction' can vary by LEA from 146 days to 186 days.

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## Appendix A

### VIOLATIONS

#### Aggression

- Verbal Provocation
- Minor Aggressive Act (eg, hitting)
- Disorderly Conduct
- Recklessness
- Endangerment\*
- Fighting\*
- Assault\*
- Aggravated Assault\*\*

#### Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (indicate whether sale/distribution or intent to sell/distribute; use; possession; or share)

- Alcohol Violation\*
- Tobacco Violation\*
- Drug Violation
  - Inhalants\*
  - Prescription Drugs (Inappropriate Use Of)\*\*
  - Over the Counter Drugs (Inappropriate Use of)\*
  - Illicit Drugs\*\*
    - Ecstasy
    - Cocaine or Crack
    - Hallucinogens
    - Heroin
    - Marijuana
    - Methamphetamine
    - Other Illicit Drug
    - Unknown Drug
  - Drug Paraphernalia
  - Substance Represented as Illicit Drug

#### Arson

- Of a Structure or Property\*
- Of an Occupied Structure\*\*

#### Attendance Policy Violation

- Tardy
- Leaving School Grounds without Permission
- Unexcused Absence
- Truancy

#### Harassment, Threat and Intimidation

- Harassment, Nonsexual\*
- Bullying\*
- Threat or Intimidation\*
- Hazing\*

#### Homicide\*\*

#### Kidnapping\*\*

#### Lying, Cheating, Forgery or Plagiarism

- Lying
- Cheating
- Forgery
- Plagiarism

#### School Policies, Other Violations of

- Combustible
- Contraband
- Defiance, Disrespect towards Authority, and Non-Compliance
- Disruption
- Dress Code Violation
- Gambling
- Language, Inappropriate
- Negative Group Affiliation
- Parking Lot Violation
- Public Display of Affection

#### School Threat

- Bomb Threat\*\*
- Chemical or Biological Threat\*\*
- Fire Alarm Misuse\*\*

#### Sexual Offenses

- Pornography
- Indecent Exposure or Public Sexual Indecency\*
- Harassment, Sexual\*
- Harassment, Sexual with Contact\*
- Sexual Abuse/Sexual Conduct with a Minor/Child Molestation\*\*
- Sexual Assault (Rape)\*\*

#### Technology, Improper Use of

- Computer
- Network Infraction
- Telecommunication Device

#### Theft

- Petty Theft
- Theft
- Burglary/Breaking and Entering (Second and Third Degree)\*
- Burglary (First Degree)\*\*
- Extortion\*
- Robbery\*
- Armed Robbery\*\*

#### Trespassing

#### Vandalism or Criminal Damage

- Graffiti or Tagging
- Vandalism of Personal Property\*
- Vandalism of School Property\*

#### Weapons and Dangerous Items

- Firearms\*\*
  - Handgun or Pistol
  - Shotgun or Rifle
  - Other Firearm or Destructive Device
    - Bomb
    - Grenade
    - Starter Gun
    - Other Firearm or Destructive Device

#### Other Weapons\*\*

- Billy Club
- Brass Knuckles
- Knife with blade length of at least 2.5 inches
- Nunchakus

#### Dangerous Items\*












- Air Soft Gun
- B.B. Gun
- Knife with blade less than 2.5 inches
- Laser Pointer
- Letter Opener
- Mace
- Paintball Gun
- Pellet Gun
- Razor Blade or Box Cutter
- Simulated Knife
- Taser or Stun Gun
- Tear Gas
- Other Dangerous Item

#### Simulated Firearm

\* Reported to ADE

\*\*Required to be reported to local law enforcement; also reported to ADE

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